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OF

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November 7th to 14th, 1954

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Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, D.D., Kector

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The Church and Section of Parish House



Greetinus

My dear Parishioners and Friends:

Out of a heart that's full of gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God for His constant care and many blessings vouchsafed to us during the past Fifty Years of our parish life, I greet you!

This should be a great day with us and so it is. We have waited long

for this day, and we rejoice in it.

It is a day of retrospection, a day in which we review our history and note the way that God has led us from the beginning till now. See the marks along the road which indicate struggle and strenuous endeavor if not by the many, most assuredly by the few — to maintain, support

and carry on the work entrusted to our care.

Time was when the question arose as to the necessity for and advisability of continuing this work. The hearts of the faithful few bled profusely in those days, for they loved their church and wished her doors to remain open. Those were the dark days, the bitter days, the experimental days, the trying days of the pioneer clergy and people. But thanks be to God we have reached a point in our history when no one questions the wisdom of the founding of St. Barnabas - for she is truly established, well rooted and grounded, a church with a character — and on every side kind and loving friends who have watched her growth and observed her influence have expressed a desire and a willingness to help her further development and expansion, thereby lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes. For this expression of confidence and continued interest we are extremely grateful.

This day also affords us the opportunity of recording our appreciation and thanks to our many friends who have during these Fifty Years of our existence not only gave a helping hand, but an encouraging word. I refer to the clergy in the Convocation of Germantown, and the Bishops of the Diocese, who have evidenced no small interest in our church from time to time. But especially are we mindful of the few men who were identified and closely associated with this work from its very inception.

Several years before the doors of St. Barnabas Church were opened, the Reverends Samuel Upjohn, D.D.; J. DeWolf Perry, D.D.; J. Andrews Harris, D.D.; Stewart P. Keeling; Jacob LeRoy and Charles H. Arndt had become interested in the Industrial Home for Colored Women on Armat Street; an institution that was conceived and born in the mind of Miss Lizzie Coles, a thorough-going race woman, who for many years had devoted herself and her means to the welfare and betterment of her people

in one way or another.

In addition to the many activities of the Home, religious services were conducted regularly therein by the above named clergy until the "parting of the ways," when the direction and supervision of the Home passed from their hands into those of Mr. John T. Emlen, of the Society of Friends. However, the possibilities of dong a substantial work among Negroes in Germantown became more evident to those of the clergy who were associated with the Home, and they immediately set themselves to the task of establishing such a work.

At the corner of Rittenhouse and McCallum Streets, adjacent to the

Joseph E. Hill Public School, stood an unoccupied building known as the Zion Evangelical Church. This building and its location suited the Committee, and the matter was immediately brought before the Convocation to receive its sanction and approval. This it gave, and arranged for the purchase of the property. Several of the parishes gave their financial support to this movement and the late Bishop-Coadjutor Alexander Mackay-Smith contributed \$2000 from the Missionary Funds of the Diocese, after the most urgent pleading by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Upjohn, rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, who, by the way, might rightly be called the father of St. Barnabas Church. The opening services were held on Sunday, November 13, 1904, and the first Priest-incharge was the Rev. A. A. St. Claire Moore, of Jamaica, B.W.I., now in England. Father Moore served two years, and was followed by the Rev. Maximo Felix Duty, D.D., of Nassau, Bahamas. Dr. Duty served three months. The present incumbent served as a Senior student of the Philadelphia Divinity School for half a year until his graduation in June, 1907, when Bishop Whitaker gave him the appointment. He has been there ever since.

Let us note, if you please, a few of the improvements made in our parish life. With an ardent desire to improve the music, and thereby the



The Memorial Pulpit, 1921



The Memorial Lectern 1922

singing, the first effort was to secure a pipe organ. On faith, and faith alone, we wrote a letter to Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the philanthropist, asking him to help us to place a pipe organ in our church. The mere letter in response heartened us. Among many questions asked by Mr. Carnegie was this one, "How much money have you raised toward the instrument?" We were prepared for that question, and we readily answered, \$500. It met with his approval, and he wrote that he would give us half the cost of the organ. The instrument cost in 1912 was \$1500, and Mr. Carnegie

gave us \$750. There was just one sad note in whole proceedings, our young organist, Mr. James Sheppard, who worked for the instrument, became ill, while it was being built, and died without seeing or hearing the organ.

Our next venture was to secure a house or Rectory. We lived too far away from the church. A captain must be on the bridge of his ship, not in the hold, as no one can see him or find him. After six years of trying we secured the house next to the church as the Rectory. The Convocation was mighty helpful. The house cost at that time in 1914, \$3100. The purchasing price was \$1300. We carried a mortgage of \$1800. The Confirmation Class of 1915 set out to pay at least the interest on the mortgage. The class gave a Supper and cleared \$50. Then something happened, an anonymous friend of St. Barnabas liquidated the entire mortgage. We rejoiced then, but today we rejoice again and give thanks.

Nothing succeeds like success. When you taste victory, you long for more. Church furnishings were next in order. The High Altar, the Lectern the Pulpit, and the Font were next on the agenda. As these were all memorials to honor the faithful departed, we had little or no

difficulty in securing them.

Then came the **Big Job**, Building the Parish House. We made two bites at that cherry. The Convocation was with us, so was the Diocese headed by Bishop Philip M. Rhinelander. The first floor with a **temporary roof** was erected in 1923 at a cost of \$22,000. That tested our mettle, but we found a great friend in Father Conkling, then rector of St. Luke's, Germantown. After a four years lull we tackled the second floor and that was erected in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Upjohn. Bishop Thomas J. Garland helped us tremendously to finish the structure in 1927, at a cost of \$18,000. So the entire building cost \$40,000.

At the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, 1940, "The Lady Altar" fully equipped, and donated by Father Conkling of St. Luke's, Germantown, in loving memory of Sisters Leila Mary and Bertha Esther of St. Mary's School for girls on Germantown Ave., was dedicated by Father Thomas. These two Sisters died within forty-eight hours of each other in 1940. It was a calamity, as their demise not only disrupted the school, and

brought about its closing.

"It's an ill wind that doesn't blow somebody good." That's the old adage, and it was true in respect to an experience we had. One of those freak tropical storms visited Philadelphia several years ago causing much damage to property. It blew the chimney of our church building onto the roof of the Sunday School building and wrecked it. Of course, the torrential rains poured into the building and played havoc with everything. At that time we were in need of a real chancel with adequate space for the Choir, Acolytes, Clergy, and High Altar. Whether it was Carol, Edna or Hazel, we don't know, but an apportunity came to make that improvement. We worked real hard, both members and friends of St. Barnabas, and on All Saints Day, 1938, the late Bishop Francis M. Taitt, at a special service Dedicated the new Chancel. It cost \$9,000. The architect was the late Mr. Frank R. Watson, who also designed the Parish House. The Sanctuary Lamp that hangs before the High Altar is in loving memory of the late Wm. Jackson Brown, a former vestryman.

One improvement calls for another so that you might keep going forward. The former Zion Evangelical Church did not have a centre aisle and such a feature is a must in the Episcopal Church where processions are so frequent. Creating a centre aisle was the next order of the day, and to that we applied ourselves. Once more our friends came to our assistance and the work was done. So on Sunday Evening, December 5, 1943, when Bishop Hart visited our parish to give Confirmation, he Dedicated the "Renovated Nave" in loving memory of the late Bishop Francis

M. Taitt — a real friend of St. Barnabas Church.

"Get out and stay out of debt" is a fine slogan. To that end Bishop Hart said to the Rector, "there is a small indebtedness on the Parish House of \$3000, if your parish will raise \$1500, I will match it dollar for dollar."

We took him at his word, and when he again visited St. Barnabas to Confirm a class on the 40th Anniversary of the Rector, on June 13, 1947, the late Accounting Warden, Mr. Joseph U. Lee, and the Rector's Warden, Mr. Asa W. Anderson, Sr., presented him with a check for \$1500, and the

parish was free of all indebtedness.

Mr. Clarence R. Lee, a member of the vestry who deals in plate glass suggested how to improve the beauty and loveliness of our church by installing stained glass windows. He secured the Contractor, the congregation worked to raise the necessary funds, and on the first Sunday after Christmas, 1949, the retired Suffragan Bishop, Edward Thomas Demby, D.D., Cleveland, Ohio, visited our parish and Dedicated 24 Stained Glass

Windows in loving memory of dear ones.

"Gather the children" — the Epistle for Ash Wednesday, among other things, direct us to bring the little ones to Church and Church School, and that's just what Miss M. Evelyn Jones and her staff of helpers are doing. It's a real joy and pleasure to witness young mothers and their children coming Sunday after Sunday to receive religious instruction. And when the youngsters assemble in church on the first Sunday in the month at 9:30 A.M. for their Holy Communion Service and Instruction, at the Lady Altar it would do your heart good, and give you a thrill to hear their response in the service and to note the heartiness of their singing. These are the future men and women — yea, the parishioners of St. Barnabas Church of tomorrow.

At this point I bring to memory that faithful band of women who, following up the good work of their Rectors in the early days of our existence came to St. Barnabas from the nearby parishes to do what they could for our young people, especially the children. That group consisted of Miss Mary Rumney, Miss Frances Shipley, Mrs. John Thomas, Mrs. Clara Breed, Mrs. Peek, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Ringwalt, Miss Zeigler, Miss Coleman, Miss Douglass, Miss Groves and the Misses Murphy. Also Mrs. Ada LeCount Stokes and Miss Caroline LeCount, Philadelphia School Teachers, and Mrs. Horace Burrell. These good women taught our girls and boys to sew, to crochet, to knit, to do brass work, wood work, and even nail new soles on their shoes. Those young people are adults now, and some have families. But they will never forget what they learned

at the Tuesday afternoon Guild.

Finally, and I have purposely left this item for the last because it was, and is, and ever will be the greatest event that took place in the life of our church, viz: The transition from "St. Barnabas Mission to St. Barnabas Parish Church." That momentous event took place on the first Tuesday in May, 1930, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, where the Diocesan Convention was in session. 'Twas a proud moment for us when we "knocked at the door of Convention" and asked to be admitted as "a parish among the parishes" of the Diocese. We were admitted, and have enjoyed the status of a self-supporting

church ever since. Laus Deo!

All of the Guilds of the church have done good work for their beloved St. Barnabas. Some have raised needed funds to meet expenses. Some have contributed New Prayer Books and New Hymnals. Others have given New Vestments for the Altars and have kept the Altars sweet and lovely, while a combination of several Guilds have toiled vigorously to install a new modern, up-to-date kitchen, fully equipped to serve all occasions. One Guild has supplied carpet for the center aisle and Chancel, also furnished hand rails for the front steps, at Church and Parish House. A mother and daughter contributed the new "Stations of the Cross."

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But the Guild that took the initiative and leadership in installing new Kneeling Benches throughout the church, and the new Lighting System with Memorial Lanterns which are being dedicated at this "Golden Anni-

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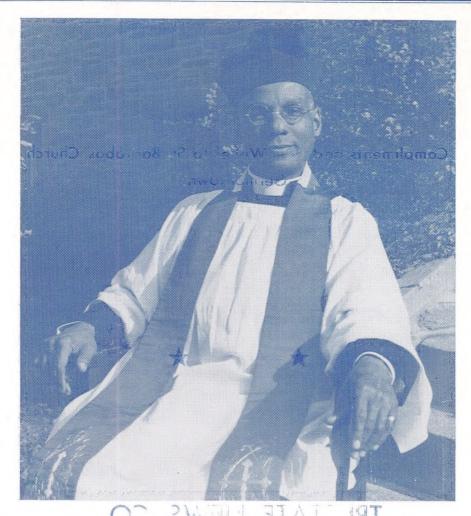
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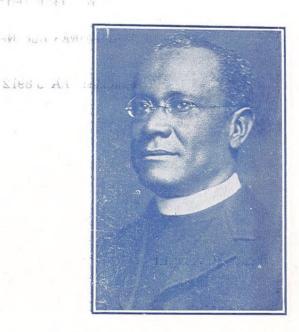
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The High Altar on "All Saints' Day," 1953



The Madonna and Child, an oil painting by Felix Vargas at the Lady Altar, being Dedicated by Bishop Hart, November 23, 1947. Mr. Vargas is at the extreme left.

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Chrysanthemum Guild, with an augmented membership, was originally formed from the Confirmation Class of November, 1944, taking the name of the flower of the fall season. The Guild observes its Tenth Anniversary this year. Projects sponsored: Installation of Kneeling Benches;

Installation of new lighting system.

Photographed at the June Cotton Dance for benefit of Lighting Fund: (Seated) Mrs. Earl Hill, Mrs. Charles F. Trulear, 3rd, (Pres.) Mrs. Clarence Lee, Mrs. Asa W. Anderson (Vice Pres.). (Standing) Mrs. Ralph Yates (Chrmn. Lighting Committee) Mr. Clarence Lee, Mrs. William Griffin, Mrs. Charles Johns, Mr. Ralph Lucas (Treas.) Mrs. Archie Swann, Mr. Charles Williams, Mrs. W. Kirk Jackson, Mr. Charles F. Trulear, 3rd, (not present for photograph) Mrs. John Murray, Mrs. Alice Chambers, Mrs. Ann McCracken, Messrs. Asa W. Anderson, John Murray, Francis Williams and Archie Swann (Sec'y).



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Organ Prelude: "I stand at the Threshold" Bach Solemn Procession: Hymn 233—Litany of the Church, Harvey The Thurifers, Crucifers, Acolytes, Flag Bearers, Junior and Senior Choirs, The Clergy.

The Office and Order of Blessing

Officiant - In the name of the Father, ★ and of the Son, ★ - and of the Holy Ghost, ★ Amen.

Officiant - Our help is in the name of the Lord; People - Who hath made heaven and earth. Officiant - Blessed be the Name of the Lord; People - Henceforth, world without end.

Officiant - O Lord, hear our prayer;

People - And let our cry come unto thee.

Officiant - The Lord be with you; People - And with thy spirit. Officiant - Lord, have mercy upon us. People - Christ, have mercy upon us. Officiant - Lord, have mercy upon us. Officiant - Let us pray.

The Prayer of Blessing

Officiant - Almighty Father, the maker and giver of light; H Bless, we beseech thee, this lighting system and Memorial Lanterns, and as they are placed as lights in thine house, so may we be lights in the world, shining with good deeds, and dispersing the darkness of sin. Give us, evermore, grace that we may walk before thee as children of the light, to the glory of the holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put into the hearts of thy servants to offer these memorials to thy praise and honor. Let thy blessing be upon them, their families and their substances. Accept, we beseech thee, their pious and charitable work. Give them abundantly of thy grace in the present life, and in the world to come life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 587 "Lights abode Celestial Salem, Vision

Whence true peace doth spring" Regent Square The Clergy and Acolytes will proceed to the Sanctuary and High Altar.

THE CHORAL EUCHARIST

The Communion Service Page 67 in the Prayer Book The Gradual—Hymn 396 with Descant Aurelia "The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord." Sermon: Hymn 390 Mount Zion

"O 'twas a joyful sound to hear Our tribes devoutly say,

Up, Israel! to the temple haste,
And Keep Your Festal Day"

Preacher The Rev. Edgar C. Young, D.D., Th. D., S.T.D. Prof. of Old Testament Language and Literature,

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Continuation of the Communion Service-

In place of Gloria In Excelsis "Thanks Be to God" . Handel Arthur C. Nichols, Tenor Post Communion: "I am the Living Bread"

The Last Gospel, page 97 in Prayer Book Closing Hymn 289 with Descant St. Anne
The National Anthem Organ
Recessional: "The March of the Priests" Mendelssohn

An Evening of Music

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The Rt. Rev Edward Thomas Demby, D.D., D.H.L., L.L.D., Retired Suffragan Bishop of Arkansas, now residing in Cleveland, Ohio

The 50th Anniversary Confirmation and Choral Eucharist Sunday, November 14, 1954 11:00 A.M.

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Solemn Procession: Hymn 234 Evelyn "Litany of the Holy Ghost"
The Thurifers, Crucifers, Acolytes, Flag Bearers, Junior and Senior Choirs, Confirmation Class, The Clergy and The Bishop.
The Introit: Hymn 109
The Communion Service Page 67 in the Prayer Book
The Music of the Mass Eyres
Collect, Epistle and Gospel Prayer Book, Page 182
The Gradual: Hymn 282 Lauda Anima "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"
The Nicene Creed
The Confirmation Service Page 296 in Prayer Book
Hymn 217 "Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" Solist: Miss Barbara Harris, Soprano (First 6 Verses)
Presentation of Candidates Page 296
After Confirmation sing verses 7, 8, and 9 of Hymn 217
Sermon: Hymn 285 Leoni "The God of Abraham Praise Who reigns enthroned above"
Preacher The Rt. Rev. Edward Thomas Demby, D.D., LL.D. Retired Suffragan Bishop, Cleveland, Ohio
The Offertory: "Great and Marvelous" Farmer
The Doxology
Continuation of Communion ServicePage 74 in Prayer Book
The Gloria in Excelsis Page 84
The Blessing Bishop Demby
Post Communion: Hymn 528 "Give peace, O God, give peace again"
The Last Gospel Page 97 in Prayer Book
Closing Hymn 557 "Onward, Christian Soldiers, Marching as to war"
The National Anthem Organ
Recessional: "Cod's time is Rest" Rach

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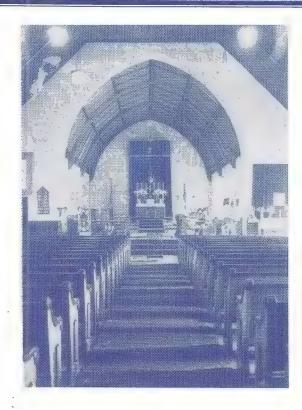
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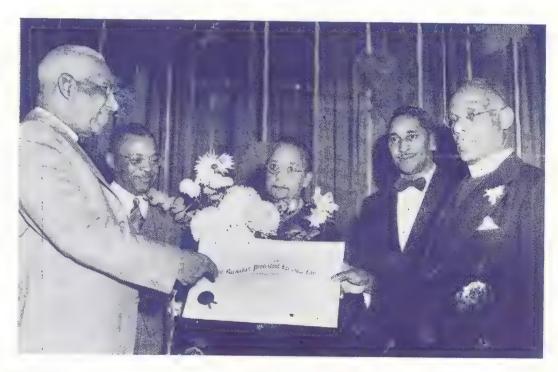
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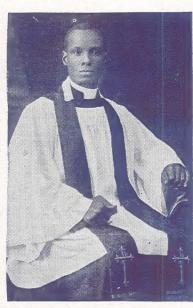
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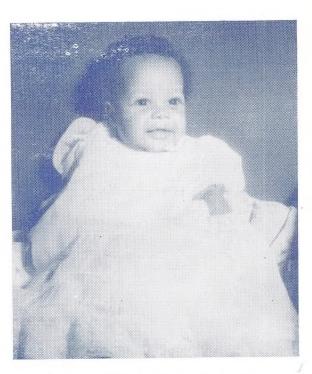


Father Thomas baptizing his granddaughter, Cynthia Antoinette Jones, 3 months old with the baby's mother, Regina, extreme left, and two godmothers in the center.

Three of the four grandchildren of Father and Mrs. Thomas who are in St. Thomas, Virgin Island. Little Ernest is absent.



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